Dewan.—The matter will be referred to the University.

SUBJECT No. 50

Backward and Depressed Class Scholarships.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The Backward and Depressed Class Scholarships may be extended to other individuals also who are really backward, merit being taken into consideration for distinction in all classes and communities; but the scholarships may be fixed according to population. It is not possible to classify backward and depressed classes. There are some depressed classes who are not so classed.

Dewan.—I do not think there is much use in discussing this subject. The scholarships go to members of backward and depressed classes, the test being that such a community should not contain more than 5 per cent literate in English.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—I want to know whether these subjects were first discussed in the district. According to the constitution of the Representative Assembly, subjects sent by the members to be forwarded to the Government should first be discussed in a meeting presided over by the Deputy Commissioner. Every subject is discussed and all the subjects that have been voted for by a large majority are finally sent to the Government. Only such subjects come up for discussion before the Representative Assembly. These subjects I am sure, have not been brought up before the District Session of the Assembly.

Dewan.—According to the present arrangement, these subjects come up for discussion from the members in their individual capacity.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—If the representative of the University is entitled to send individual subjects, I request that the same concession may be extended to representatives of other recognised institutions as well. Other institutions are entitled to send only two subjects, whereas the representative of the University is entitled to send ten subjects. This difference is not fair. Similar concession may be extended to other Associations also. If my suggestion is accepted, the present constitution will have to be changed.

Dewan.—Your suggestion will be noted for consideration.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The subjects I have sent to the Representative Assembly are not sent in my individual capacity as they have been approved by the University authorities. The rule that recognised institutions should send in only two subjects has been in vogue for 40 years.

SUBJECT No. 51

Contribution to the Tata Research Institute.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—The Mysore Government are paying a large contribution towards this Institute; but we have no idea as to how this contribution is utilised and what useful work is being done there. I therefore request that a statement giving all information may be placed on the table for the information of the members. This would serve a useful purpose in understanding how the Mysore contribution is being utilised.

Dewan.—The action taken by the Government regarding the Institute will be made public as soon as the Government of India passes orders on the various recommendations proposed by a Commission appointed recently

to go into the working of the Institute. The reorganisation of the Institute is now under the consideration of the Government of India.

SUBJECT No. 52.

Investment of additional powers to the Education Board.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—Wisdom consists in the multitude. I think it is better to invest the Vice-Chancellor with the power of scrutinising the curricula and other matters pertaining to the Education Department before final orders are passed as the Vice-Chancellor is the Chairman of the Education Board. Important circulars that are passed from the Education Department should first get the approval of the Education Board.

Dewan.—According to the existing practice all important circulars are generally sent to the Education Board for their opinion. Important circulars of policy cannot be issued by the Inspector-General of Education without the sanction of Government.

SUBJECT No. 53

Sociology to be a subject for the B. A. Examination.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore University.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.—Sociology and Civics may also be introduced for the B. A. Examination in the Mysore University, in order that division and caste hatred may be done away with and brotherly feeling encouraged among the people of the State.

Dewan.—The matter will be referred to the Board of Studies of the Mysore University.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In the Philosophy course, applied Psychology and Sociology may also be included in the B. A. course, as is done in the Harvard University. In order that students may be trained in Civics and Social Science, it is my request that these subjects may be included with History and Philosophy.

Dewan.—The matter will be referred to the Board of Studies and we shall await their recommendations.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Abolition of fees in Commercial schools.

Messrs. N. Setwaji Rao and Madappa, Mysore City Municipality.

Mr. N. Setwaji Rao.—School fees in Commercial schools where Maharashtra language is being taught may be abolished. After all there is not much profit to Government.

Second Member of Council.—It is for that reason that the Finance Committee have recommended the abolition of the Commercial schools.

Mr. Setwaji Rao.—In case it is proposed to abolish Commercial schools, Maharashtra may be made one of the optional subjects in the educational curricula.

Second Member of Council.—You may make a representation to the Inspector-General of Education.

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SUBJECT No. 55.

Uniform weights and measures throughout the State.

Mr. C. Narasaraiya, Nelamangala Taluk.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—For want of a uniform standard of weights and measures, people are generally duped by the merchants who, as a matter of course, use all kinds of weights and measures.

Mr. Thimmappaiya.—The use of weights and measures is not uniform, and it would serve the purpose if the Government could issue an order fixing some uniform standard. Some petty merchants use stones or metal in lieu of weights.